

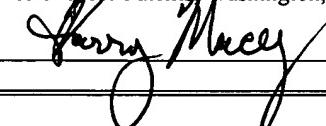


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In re Application of:

Nguyen, et al.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002 in the above-identified application from October 12, 2002 to January 13, 2003 (January 12, 2002 was a Sunday).

The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

		<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One month	[ ] \$ 110	[ ]	\$ 55
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Three months</b>	[ ] \$ 930	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$465</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months	[ ] \$1,450	[ ]	\$725
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months	[ ] \$1,970	[ ]	\$985

Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

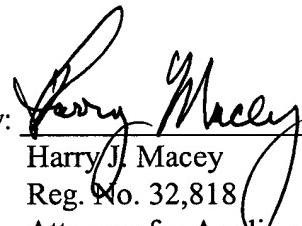
A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 referencing Attorney Docket No. \*. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2012.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that other relief is required, Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2012. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 13, 2003

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